

What is claimed is:

1. An image forming device comprising:

a plurality of image forming units, each of the plurality of image forming units being provided for each of a plurality of colors, the plurality of image forming units
5 being aligned vertically; and

a casing that accommodates the plurality of image forming units, each of the plurality of image forming units comprising:

10 a photosensitive member;

an exposing device that exposes the photosensitive member to light to form electrostatic latent images thereon; and

a developing device that develops the electrostatic latent images formed on the photosensitive member using developer to form developer images,
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wherein the developing device and the exposing device are aligned to overlap with each other in a vertical direction, when the casing is disposed in an orientation in which the casing is intended to be used.
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2. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the photosensitive member and the developing device are detachably mounted on the casing.

3. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1,
25 wherein at least three image forming units are accommodated

in the casing.

4. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the exposing device comprises:

a deflecting unit that deflects a laser beam; and

5 a drive unit that drives the deflecting unit;

the drive unit and the developing device being aligned
to overlap with each other in a horizontal direction.

5. The image forming device as claimed in claim 4,
wherein a depressed portion is formed in the developing
10 device for accommodating the drive unit.

6. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the exposing device comprises a deflecting unit that
deflects a laser beam, the laser beam deflected by the
deflecting unit being directly irradiated onto the
15 photosensitive member.

7. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the developing device comprises:

a developer accommodating unit that accommodates
developer;

20 a developer bearing member provided to confront the
photosensitive member, the developer bearing member bearing
developer; and

a plurality of developer conveying members aligned
substantially in a horizontal direction in the developer
25 accommodating unit, the plurality of developer conveying

members conveying developer to the developer bearing member.

8. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the photosensitive member comprises a
photosensitive-member-side positioning member, and the
5 exposing device comprises an exposing-device-side
positioning member, wherein the photosensitive-member-side
positioning member directly engages the exposing-device-side
positioning member.

9. The image forming device as claimed in claim 8,
10 wherein the exposing device comprises:

a laser beam emitting unit that emits a laser beam;
a deflecting unit that deflects the laser beam emitted
from the laser beam emitting unit;

a lens; and
15 a support frame that supports the laser beam emitting
unit, the deflecting unit, and the lens, wherein the
exposing-device-side positioning member is formed integrally
with the support frame.

10. The image forming device as claimed in claim 8,
20 wherein the photosensitive member comprises:

a photosensitive drum; and
a shaft that supports the photosensitive drum, and
wherein the photosensitive-member-side positioning member is
the shaft.

25 11. The image forming device as claimed in claim 8,

further comprising:

a recording medium conveying device that conveys a recording medium, the recording medium conveying device being disposed on a side opposite from the exposing device with regard to the photosensitive member, wherein the
5 recording medium conveying device presses the photosensitive member toward the exposing device.

12. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

10 a support unit that supports the exposing device, the support unit being fixed to the casing, wherein the exposing device is positioned by the support unit.

13. The image forming device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the support unit comprises a first adjusting unit
15 that adjusts a position of the exposing device.

14. The image forming device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the first adjusting unit comprises:

a support base member formed with a loose insertion hole;

20 a first positioning member being inserted in the loose insertion hole;

an urging member that applies an urging force to the first positioning member; and

25 an adjusting member that adjusts a position of the first positioning member in the loose insertion hole, the

adjusting member being movable into the loose insertion hole against the urging force of the urging member and movable out from the loose insertion hole toward a direction of the urging force of the urging member.

5 15. The image forming device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the support unit comprises a second adjusting unit that adjusts a position exposed to light by the exposing device on the photosensitive member.

10 16. The image forming device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

 a conveying belt that has a surface and conveys a recording medium while holding the recording medium in contact with the surface, the recording medium having a weight, wherein the surface of the conveying belt that
15 contacts the recording medium is slanted by a predetermined angle from a gravitational direction, such that the weight of the recording medium is applied to the conveying belt.